

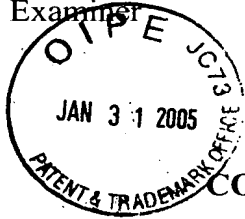
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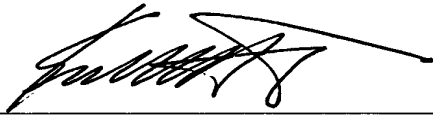
Dear Sir:

In the event that the intervening change in PTO Rules retroactively precludes reinstatement of the Appeal, then and only then, please treat the concurrently filed Reply Brief as a Response and enter it as a Response, and also please treat the concurrently filed Contingent Amendment as an Amendment and enter it as an Amendment, both in response to the July 30, 2004 paper (Office Action); and grant the herewith presented petition for an extension of time for such time as needed to assure that these papers filed this date are enterable and that this application is pending. For instance, if the due date is extended assuming a three-month response period from the July 30, 2004 paper, then a three-month petition would be needed, in which case the fee therefor \$980.00 can be charged to our deposit account 06-1135 regarding our order number 7372/71158. However, to the extent that a longer petition is deemed necessary, for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely, then please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the appropriate petition fee against our order number

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7372/71158. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 earmarked to our order number 7372/71158.

Respectfully submitted,

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